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TRAINING NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOGS

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1. CHIEF OF STAFF OF CIVIL GUARD HAS ADDRESSED AN OFFICIAL LETTER DATED OCT 26 TO EMBASSY REQUESTING U.S. TRAINING FOR NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG UNIT FOR CIVIL GUARD. LETTER IS FOLLOW-UP REQUEST TO ORAL REQUEST MADE BY DIRGEN OF CIVIL GUARD, LT. GENERAL VEGA, AND HIS DEPUTY, MAJOR GENERAL BUJANDA, JUNE 27 TO U.S. EMBASSY OFFICERS (REF A). IN SEPT 1974 CIVIL GUARD MADE SAME REQUEST TO U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING TEAM REPRESENTATIVES PASSING THROUGH MADRID. EMBASSY OFFICERS TURNED OVER TO CIVIL GUARD CHIEF OF STAFF SEPT 24 BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON DETECTOR DOG TRAINING PROVIDED BY DEA WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM DEPT VIA POUCH (REF B). LETTER OF REQUEST NOTES THAT INCREASING TRAFFIC AND CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS IN SPAIN HAS MEANT THAT MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CIVIL GUARD AND EMBASSY HAS INCREASED AND MADE IMPERATIVE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATEST TECHNIQUES SUCH AS USE OF DOGS IN DETECTING

HIDDEN DRUGS.

2. AS OF POSSIBLE USE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN ESTIMATING NEEDS OF SPANISH CIVIL GUARD AND AS MEANS OF FACILITATING PREPARATION OF SUITABLE DOG DETECTOR PROGRAM FOR SPAIN, EMBASSY DRUGS COORDINATOR AND DEA OFFICERS VISITED CIVIL GUARD DOG TRAINING UNIT TO EVALUATE CURRENT SPANISH GENERAL CAPABILITY IN DOG TRAINING. FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF THEIR FINDINGS: CIVIL GUARD DOG TRAINING UNIT IS ADJACENT TO CIVIL GUARD BARRACKS LOCATED AT EL PARDO, APPROXIMATELY 11 KILOMETERS NORTH OF MADRID. THE AREA IS APPROXIMATELY 22,500 SQUARE METERS IN EXTENSION AND SURROUNDED BY WOODS. FACILITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 100 INDIVIDUAL DOG KENNELS CONSISTING TO TWO SECTIONS, A SHELTERED/HEATED SECTION EACH MEASURING 1 1/2 BY 2 METERS AND AN OUTDOOR SECTION EACH MEASURING 6 METERS BY 1 1/2 METERS. THESE INDIVIDUAL DOG KENNELS ARE LOCATED IN UNITS OF 20. ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE FIVE OPEN AREAS INCLUDING COVERED SHELTERS MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 3 METERS BY SIX METERS, PLUS AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING FIELD MEASURING 75 METERS BY 75 METERS. A VETERINARIAN EXIMINATION ROOM, KITCHEN, COAL STORAGE FOR MEAT, ONE CLASSROOM WITH 30 SEATS, A SPECIAL BARRACKS CONSISTING OF ONE ROOM WITH TWO BEDS DESIGNED FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS PLUS 18 BEDS IN A WARD INCLUDING SANITARY AND SHOWER FACILITIES, AND A DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. THE STAFF CONSISTS OF A CIVIL GUARD MAJOR PLUS 19 ASSISTANTS. AT THE TIME OF VISIT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 80 DOGS UNDERGOING VARIOUS STAGES OF TRAINING. ALL WERE GERMAN SHEPHERD BUT DID NOT REPRESENT ANY SINGLE BREED. THERE WAS A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO CROSS-BREED WITH GERMAN SHEPHERDS WHICH INCLUDED FOR EXAMPLE, IMPORTATION OF SOME ENGLISH STOCK IN 1973. DOGS RECEIVE PERIODIC SHOTS AND VETERINARY CHECKS. CIVIL GUARD HAS A BASIC THREE MONTHS COURSE FOR DOGS AND TRAINERS PLUS AN ANNUAL REFRESHER COURSE. COURSES ARE COORDINATED IN GROUPS OF 20. PRINCIPAL CONTENT OF TRAINING IS TO TRAIN WATCHDOGS NOT ONLY FOR USE IN GUARDING BUILDINGS BUT ALSO AS COMPANIONS TO CIVIL GUARD OFFICERS IN MAKING BORDER PATROLS AND TRACKING. THE FACILITIES WERE CLEAN, ORDERLY, SPACIOUS AND MILITARY IN APPEARANCE.

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3. AS NOTED IN REF A, SPANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ON SEVERAL EARLIER OCCASSIONS FOR GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING A DOG DETECTOR UNIT. THE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED WHAT INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED TO THE CIVIL GUARD AND BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. DRUG PROGRAM IN SPAIN TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS LATEST SPANISH REQUEST. VOLUME OF HASHISH REACHING SPAIN AND WESTERN

WORLD FROM MOROCCO VIA STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS INCREASED ALARMINGLY IN PAST YEAR AND CIVIL GUARD INTENDS TO USE DETECTOR DOGS IN INSPECTION OF ARRIVING FERRIES AND SHIPS IN ALGECIRAS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, OF ALL SPANISH POLICE AGENCIES, CIVIL GUARD IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE COLLABORATOR OF THE U.S. GOVT IN DRUG MATTERS. DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS HAVE CARRIED OUT TRAINING COURSES FOR CIVIL GUARD IN BOTH MADRID AND BARCELONA AND HAVE ESTABLISHED VERY USEFUL LINKS AT ALL LEVELS WITH CIVIL GUARD OFFICERS AND MEN.

4. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH CIVIL GUARD OFFICERS, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THE U.S. DOG DETECTOR TRAINING UNIT COME TO SPAIN TO DIRECT A DOG TRAINING PROGRAM HERE. AT THE SAME TIME CIVIL GUARD IS OPEN-MINDED ABOUT HAVING SOME OF ITS OFFICERS TRAVEL TO U.S., IF NECESSARY, TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED INSTRUCTION.

INASMUCH AS DOGS AND TRAINERS MUST BE TRAINED TOGETHER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE AND WOULD HAVE MORE LONG-TERM USEFULNESS TO TRAIN BOTH SPANISH DOGS AND TRAINERS IN SPAIN. HOWEVER, DOG TESTING AND SELECTION MIGHT HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN U.S. AND THE DOGS BROUGHT TO SPAIN. IT IS HOPED THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WILL ASSIST WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN TAILORING THE TYPE OF PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVE MOST EFFECTIVE IN MEETING SPANISH NEEDS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CONSTANTLY IMPROVING LEVEL OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN DEA AND LOCAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND SPANISH EFFECTIVENESS WILL BE GREATLY REINFORCED BY A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST. RIVERO

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